

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

Claims 1-37 (Cancelled).

38. (New) A method comprising the steps of:

determining whether an active video-on-demand (VOD) session for a first VOD presentation exists;

providing a selectable option to view the first VOD presentation responsive to

determining that the active VOD session exists; and

providing a list of selectable VOD titles responsive to determining that the active VOD session does not exist.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising:

receiving a user input configured to select the selectable option to view the first VOD presentation; and

responsive to receiving the user input, providing the first VOD presentation to a user.

40. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising:

receiving a first user input configured to select a VOD title from the list of selectable VOD titles; and

responsive to receiving the first user input, providing a selectable option for renting a second VOD presentation corresponding to the VOD title selected from the list of selectable VOD titles.

41. (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

receiving a second user input configured to select the selectable option for renting the second VOD presentation.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising:

responsive to receiving the second user input, determining whether the second VOD presentation is blocked.

43. (New) The method of claim 42, further comprising:

responsive to determining that the second VOD presentation is blocked, prompting a user to provide a third user input identifying a first access code for unblocking the VOD presentation.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, further comprising:

receiving the third user input identifying the first access code.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, further comprising:

responsive to receiving the third user input identifying the first access code, prompting the user to provide a fourth user input identifying a second access code.

46. (New) The method of claim 45, further comprising:

providing the user with the second VOD presentation responsive to receiving the fourth user input.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the third user input and the fourth user input are each provided via a plurality of key-strokes.

48. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the first and second access codes each includes a plurality of characters.

49. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the third user input enables the second VOD presentation to be unblocked.

50. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the fourth user input enables the second VOD presentation to be rented.

51. (New) A method comprising the steps of:

providing a selectable option for renting a VOD presentation;
receiving a first user input configured to select the selectable option for renting the VOD presentation;
responsive to receiving the first user input, determining whether the VOD presentation is blocked;
responsive to determining that the VOD presentation is blocked, prompting a user to provide a second user input identifying a first access code for unblocking the VOD presentation;
receiving the second user input identifying the first access code;
responsive to receiving the second user input identifying the first access code, prompting the user to provide a third user input identifying a second access code; and
providing the user with the VOD presentation responsive to receiving the third user input.

52. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the second user input and the third user input are each provided via a plurality of key-strokes.

53. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the first and second access codes each includes a plurality of characters.

54. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the second user input enables the VOD presentation to be unblocked.

55. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the third user input enables the VOD presentation to be rented.

56. (New) A digital home communication terminal (DHCT) comprising:
memory; and
program code stored in said memory and configured to enable the DHCT to:
determine whether an active video-on-demand (VOD) session for a first VOD
presentation exists;
provide a selectable option to view the first VOD presentation responsive to
determining that the active VOD session exists; and
provide a list of selectable VOD titles responsive to determining that the active
VOD session does not exist.

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57. (New) The DHCT of claim 56, wherein the program code is further configured to provide the first VOD presentation responsive to user input selecting the selectable option to view the first VOD presentation.

58. (New) The DHCT of claim 56, wherein the program code is further configured to provide a second VOD presentation identified in the list of selectable VOD titles responsive to receiving a first user input selecting the second VOD presentation, a second user input identifying a first access code, and a third user input identifying a second access code.

59. (New) The DHCT of claim 58, wherein the first access code enables the second VOD presentation to be unblocked.

60. (New) The DHCT of claim 58, wherein the second access code enables the second VOD presentation to be rented.

61. (New) A digital home communication terminal (DHCT) comprising:

memory; and

program code stored in said memory and configured to enable the DHCT to:

prompt a user to provide a first user input identifying a first access code;

prompt the user to provide a second user input identifying a second access code;

and

provide the user with the VOD presentation responsive to the DHCT receiving the

first and second user inputs.

62. (New) The DHCT of claim 61, wherein the first and second user inputs are each provided via a plurality of key-strokes.

63. (New) The DHCT of claim 61, wherein the first and second access codes each includes a plurality of characters.

64. (New) The DHCT of claim 61, wherein the first user input enables the VOD presentation to be unblocked.

65. (New) The DHCT of claim 61, wherein the second user input enables the VOD presentation to be rented.